

# Catawba County

## 2010 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Support an increase to \$35,000 in the Homestead Exclusion income limit
- Support a fairer distribution method in the School Capital Fund Formula/Lottery Proceeds
- Oppose transferring the responsibility of North Carolina's secondary road infrastructure to counties—the elimination or decrease in current road infrastructure funding levels for municipalities or the transfer of any State maintained roads to municipalities
- Oppose any State efforts to force additional unfunded mandates or take away local revenues as a result of State budget crisis
- Oppose attempts to eliminate the prohibition on collective bargaining for public employees
- Support greater flexibility in the use of E-911 funds, by encouraging adoption of the State 911 Board's 911 Study Group's recommendations, in full
- Oppose attempts to reduce the property tax base, which leads to more burden on property taxpayers
- Support an increase in the \$40 reimbursement rate for state inmates in county jails and reinstatement of the \$18 misdemeanor reimbursement
- Support an exemption of State sales tax on purchases made by local school systems
- Support the restoration of the financial incentives by the State for counties opting to be "Electing Counties"
- Support an increase in the reimbursement rate for local government legal work related to in rem foreclosures
- Support an increase in State funding for Child Advocacy Centers
- Support a rate increase for Medicaid and State Mental Health Services
- Support flexible local revenue options to reduce the burden on the property taxpayer
- Support legislation facilitating target industry sectors and encouraging the County's competitiveness as a whole
- Support maintaining local control of the North Carolina ABC System and preservation of local revenues received from the system
- Work with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners regarding local preferences in purchasing
- Support local legislation to allow Catawba County flexibility with energy efficient projects

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## OUR STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Catawba County government provides necessary services to its citizens with honesty and professionalism at reasonable costs. Although the range of services is diverse, the following principles guide our efforts:

- *Provide the least intrusive government that serves the best interest of all citizens.*
- *View elected and appointed officials as policymakers, and staff as implementors of policy.*
- *Encourage citizen participation in government and promote public trust and accountability.*
- *Administer a government that is competent and responsive to citizens' needs while understanding its obligation to taxpayers.*
- *Adhere to the community's strong work ethic, promoting high productivity with reasonable workloads.*
- *Foster an economic, social and physical environment that allows individual and corporate citizens to realize their potential.*
- *Encourage and recognize creativity, innovation, and teamwork among County employees.*
- *Encourage administrative decision-making at the point of service.*
- *Administer county government with compassion and fairness.*

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